

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR ORIGINAL U.S. PATENT APPLICATION

Attorney's Docket No. AND1P068

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PROCESSING, the specification of which,

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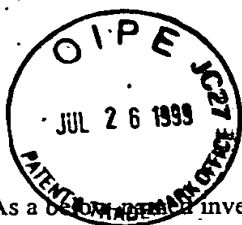
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Post Office Address: _____

474 North Lake Shore Drive, Apt 4801, Chicago, Illinois 60611

ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

(Not Accompanying Application)

Whereas I/we the undersigned inventor(s) have invented certain new and useful improvements as set forth in the patent application entitled:

METHOD AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR PROVIDING A COMPONENT BASED TASK HANDLING DURING CLAIM PROCESSING

for which I (we) have executed an application for a United States Letters Patent which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 4, 1999, and which bears the Application No. 09/305,234.

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I/we the undersigned inventor(s) hereby:

- 1) Sell(s), assign(s) and transfer(s) to AC Properties B.V., a Netherlands corporation having a place of business at Parkstraat 83, 2514 JG, 'S Gravenhage, The Netherlands, (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), the entire right title and interest in any and all improvements and inventions disclosed in, application(s) based upon, and Patent(s) (including foreign patents) granted upon the information which is disclosed in the above referenced application.
- 2) Authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patents resulting from said application or any division(s), continuation(s), substitutes(s) or reissue(s) thereof to the ASSIGNEE.
- 3) Agree to execute all papers and documents and, entirely at the ASSIGNEE's expense, perform any acts which are reasonably necessary in connection with the prosecution of said application, as well as any derivative and applications thereof, foreign applications based thereon, and/or the enforcement of patents resulting from such applications.
- 4) Agree that the terms, covenants and conditions of this assignment shall inure to the benefit of the Assignee, its successors, assigns and other legal representative, and shall be binding upon the inventor(s), as well as the inventor's heirs, legal representatives and assigns.
- 5) Warrant and represent that I/we have not entered, and will not enter into any assignment, contract, or understanding that conflicts with this assignment.

Signed on the date(s) indicated beside my (our) signature(s).

1) Signature: _____ Date: _____
Typed Name: George V. Guyan

County of _____,)
) ss.
State of _____,)

On this _____ day of _____, in the year 1999, before me, _____, personally appeared George V. Guyan, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

(SEAL)

Signature _____)

2) Signature: Robert H. Pish
Typed Name: Robert H. Pish

Date: 6/20/99

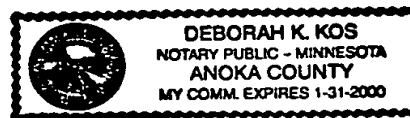
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) ss.
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On this 22 day of June, in the year 1999, before me, Deborah K. Kos, personally appeared Robert H. Pish, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

(SEAL)

Signature Deborah K. Kos



3) Signature: _____
Typed Name: Charles Muntada

Date: _____

County of _____)
) ss.
State of _____)

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Date: 07/15/99

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